

CLAIMS AS CURRENTLY AMENDED

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A feeding implement, comprising:
 - a) a handle portion shaped to permit grasping by a user;
 - b) a transport portion connected to said handle portion for dipping into solid food;
 - c) a mouth guard connected in between said transport portion and said handle portion; and
 - d) said transport portion having at least two substantially flat surfaces, each substantially flat surface having a plurality of grooves located thereon.
11. (Previously Presented) The feeding implement of Claim 10, wherein said substantially flat surfaces have a concave curvature.
12. (Previously Presented) The feeding implement of Claim 10, wherein said transport portion tapers away from said mouth guard.
13. (Previously Presented) The feeding implement of Claim 10, wherein said handle portion has a plurality of protuberances located thereon.
14. (Previously Presented) The feeding implement of Claim 13, wherein said protuberances are ridges.
15. (Previously Presented) The feeding implement of Claim 10 wherein said mouth guard has at least two points of a perimeter of said mouth guard in contact with a surface when said feeding implement is placed on said surface.